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May 22, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, McKENZIE  
FIELD, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

F. W. RABALAIS, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the McKenzie Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV RA SUP.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well for, and unit operator of, the proposed additional unit as may be appropriate.
4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1074, effective September 19, 1979, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 1074-B series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the McKenzie Field, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1074, effective September 19, 1979.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal

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business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

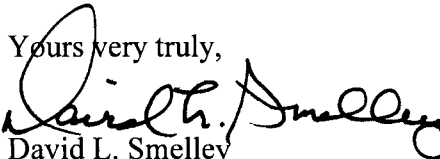
By letter dated May 8, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set May 31, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within ten (10) days of the date of said letter; therefore, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of McKenzie Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for F. W. Rabalais, Inc.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. F. W. Rabalais (w/encls.)  
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

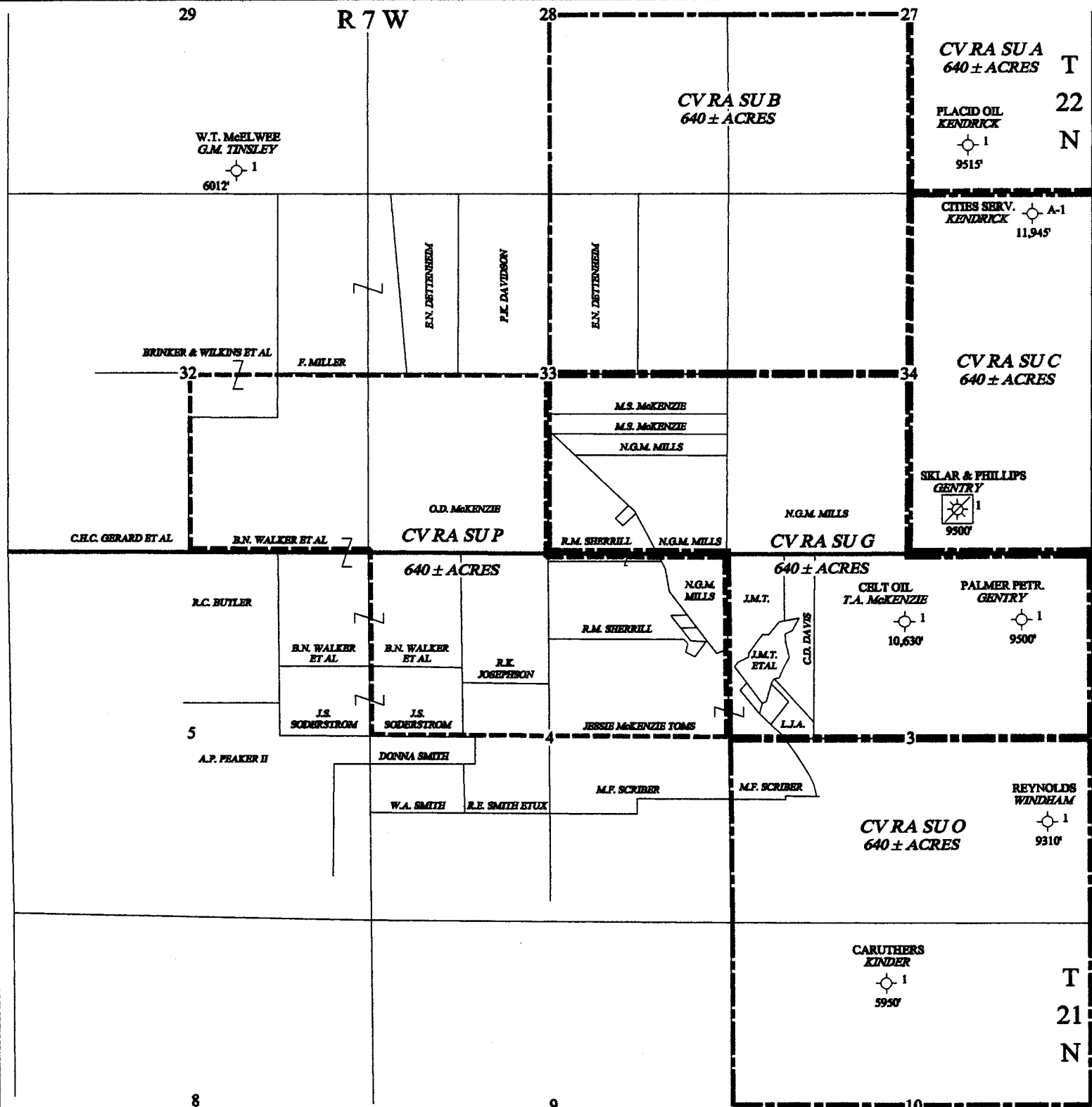


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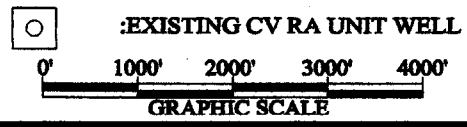
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**F.W. RABALAIS, INC.**  
FT. WORTH, TEXAS

**McKENZIE FIELD**  
CLAIBORNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT P**

----- :PROPOSED CV RA SAND UNIT      ----- :EXISTING CV RA SAND UNITS



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